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Winter Weather is on its Way

San Bernardino- Winter weather is on its way into the Southland. District 8 Maintenance crews are ready for the impending weather. The National Weather Service has advised that rain and snow are likely. There is a seventy percent chance of snow in the higher elevations accumulating a possible three inches by Tuesday.

Below are winter driving tips acquired from The National Safety Council:

1. **Don't pass snow plows and sanding trucks. The drivers have limited visibility, and you're likely to find the road in front of them worse than the road behind. Give them room.**
2. Decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room to stop. You should allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.
3. Brake gently to avoid skidding. If your wheels start to lock up, ease off the brake.
4. Turn on your lights to increase your visibility to other motorists.
5. Keep your lights and windshield clean.
6. Use low gears to keep traction, especially on hills.
7. Don't use cruise control or overdrive.
8. Be especially careful on bridges, overpasses and infrequently traveled roads, which will freeze first. Even at temperatures above freezing, if the conditions are wet, you might encounter ice in shady areas or on exposed roadways like bridges.
9. Don't assume your vehicle can handle all conditions. Even four-wheel and front-wheel drive vehicles can encounter trouble on winter roads.
10. **Pack a winter safety kit.** Include blankets or sleeping bags, water, food, candles, matches, kitty litter, ice scraper, a radio and batteries, and a rope. Pack extra medication and store the kit so it is reachable.

Be prepared for your commute during inclement weather. Slow down, don't challenge Mother Nature.

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